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Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 9 April 1957

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding

M E M B E R S P R E S E N T

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral C. B. Martell, acting for Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General James H. Walsh, acting for Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes
2 April Meeting
(IAC-M-283)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report
No. 348

Noted.

3. Welcome to General Walsh

The Chairman and members welcomed Major General James H. Walsh, Deputy Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, United States Air Force.

4. Proposal for a Survey of
Sources of Warning
Information
(NIC S-7-879; available
through Watch Committee
representative)

The Chairman noted that there were two principal questions to be considered in connection with this item: (1) the proposal for a survey of sources of warning information; and (2) whether the Board of National Estimates should now proceed with the coordination of the Board-approved draft of the warning estimate (NIE 11-3-57), which had already been circulated to the IAC agencies, or suspend action on this estimate until the proposed survey had been completed.

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details, but only a desire to examine matters such as the types of sources available. To emphasize this fact, the Chairman suggested certain amendments to the draft terms of reference, in which the members concurred. Following their exchange of views, the members also concurred in the Chairman's suggestion that [] circulate to the members, along with the amended draft terms of reference, a series of sample questions which might be used in such a survey, and that final action on this proposal be postponed pending a review by the members of these questions. In this connection, General Schow noted the desirability of clearing inquiries affecting NSA through USCIB.

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The members then discussed the question of the disposition of the draft of NIE 11-3-57, in the light of their action on the proposed survey and other relevant procedural problems and substantive considerations. Various members noted the possibility of inserting a reference to the survey in the published text of NIE 11-3-57 and making later amendments to the paper as appeared to be appropriate on the basis of the results of the survey. Following their exchange of views, the members concurred in the Chairman's suggestion that the Board of National Estimates proceed toward completion of the estimate without attempting to relate it at this stage to the proposed survey.

5. SNIE 43-57
Likelihood of Military Action
by the Government of the
Republic of China

Approved as amended.

6. Review of Crisis Situations

a. Middle East

After the Chairman noted the existence of a critical situation in Jordan, the members concurred generally in this view, with their discussion focused particularly on current developments affecting Jordan's internal stability and their relation to possible aggressive moves by other countries such as Iraq, Syria, Saudi

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Arabia and Israel. The members also discussed the probable significance of recent military movements within Egypt, as well as certain internal political developments. The Chairman then referred to the situation in Syria, particularly with respect to an apparent growth in the volume, and possibly the cohesiveness, of anti-Sarraaj elements.

b. Indonesia

The members discussed the Indonesian situation, with special reference to the probable political and military effects of Sukarno's recent designation of an extra-parliamentary cabinet.

7. Communication from
President's Board of
Consultants
(Memorandum to DCI, 18 March;
IAC-M-283, 2 April, item 7)

Noting that this item had been removed from the agenda in view of the absence of Mr. Dulles, the Chairman suggested, and the members concurred, that a special IAC meeting be held to consider this matter following the USCIB meeting now scheduled for Friday, 12 April.

Adjournment: 1150



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SECRETARY'S NOTE

Unless objection is raised by a member at the next regular meeting of the IAC, the Secretary proposes to release to USIA, SNIE 43-57, "Likelihood of Military Action by the Government of the Republic of China," dated 9 April 1957.